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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th March 1865.*

No. 274. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th February 1865, No. 797.

Read the following letters:—

From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th January 1865, No. 60.

1. The Board are already aware, from the periodical reports, of the unfavorable character of the season from a failure of the north-east monsoon, and I have now the honor to bring to your notice, that pressing applications have been made to me, for some relaxation of the ordinary rules of assessment, which has been formerly allowed in unfavorable seasons like the present one.

2. There is a decrease in Nunjah and Punjah cultivation in round numbers of Seed Cottahs 17,282 and Chains 275 respectively, and the decrease in wet cultivation is about 13 per cent. on that of last year.

3. To the deficiency arising from this cause, must be added a much larger amount of decrease from the failure of crops. Throughout the District the north-east monsoon failed. The crops under the irrigation of the river Tambrapoorney, in the Talooks of Ambasamudram, Tinnevely, and Tenkarai, will yield from half to three-fourths of the average crops. Such water as there is in the tanks dependent on minor rivers, is insufficient to bring the crops under them to maturity, and there is no water in the tanks dependent solely on rain for their supply.

4. It is in the four northern Talooks of Ottapedaram, Sattoor, Streevilliputtoor, and Sankernarcovil, that drought has been most extensively felt; much crops are entirely dried up.

5. The prices of paddy, and all other sorts of grain, are higher now than ever, and there is at the time I now write, no seeming prospect of rain, and I beg, therefore, to recommend to the Board that the Ryots may be encouraged to attempt to raise such crops as it may be practicable to cultivate at this late period of the year, by a remission of three-fourths Teerwah on Nunjah land, except under the irrigation of the main river Tambrapoorney, and half Teerwah on Punjah and Bagayel.

From Board, 22nd February 1847.
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do. 24th December 1855.

6. The same measures of relief were granted to the Ryots in the years 1847, 1854, and 1856, as will be seen from the orders of the Board noted in the margin.

7. I further beg to recommend that the Ryots may be allowed to raise vegetables, tax free, in the beds of tanks, for this year only.

From the same Officer, dated 31st January 1865, No. 67.

I have the honor to request, with reference to paragraph 7 of extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st June 1858, that I may be allowed for this year to grant full remission for Shavy (withered crops) on Pottom, Poropoo and other lightly assessed lands, the Government den and on which amounts to not less than half the ordinary Sevvaram rate, and remissions for Shavy and Manipidy (short produce) on progressive Cowle lands, subject to the conditions alluded to by Mr. Bird, in the concluding part of his letter, dated the 17th February 1854, as was done in Fusly 1265, under the sanction of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th February 1856.

1. The foregoing letters refer to certain extraordinary remissions of revenue which the late Collector of the Tinnevely District recommends should be granted in consideration of the unusually unfavorable nature of the present season.

2. In his first letter, the Collector reports that there is a decrease of thirteen per cent. in the wet cultivation of the District as compared with that of last year, and a large decrease in the dry cultivation. In hopes of inducing the Ryots in some degree to remedy this deficiency by

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raising such crops as it may be practicable to cultivate at this late period of the year, he proposes that three-fourths of the tax on all wet cultivation except under the irrigation of the main river Tambrapoorny, and half of the tax on all garden and dry cultivation which may now be undertaken, should be remitted. He further proposes that vegetables may be permitted to be raised in the beds of tanks, tax free.

3. This course has been adopted on former similar occasions, and though the assessment of the District has been since modified, the Board are disposed to accede to the late Collector's request, in consideration of the extraordinary adversity of the season in Tinnevely, with regard to which the Collector has reported to the Board from time to time. The Board accordingly authorize Mr. Banbury to carry out Mr. Silver's proposals, for this year only.

4. In his second letter, Mr. Silver requests permission to grant full remissions for withered crops on certain classes of favorably assessed land, and remissions for Shavy and short produce in lands held on progressive Cowle, on the same principles as this kind of remission was granted on the ordinarily assessed lands previous to 1859.

5. In consideration of the specially favorable nature of the assessment of the lands referred to above, orders were issued in 1833 that no deviation from the fixed rates should ever be made without the Board's sanction being previously obtained; but, on a subsequent occasion when the season was very unfavorable, the Collector was permitted to adopt the same course in granting remissions on these lands as he followed in the case of the other lands in the District.

6. Under the special circumstances of the present season, and relying upon Mr. Silver's representation as to the necessity of the measure, the Board are pleased to allow the Acting Collector to treat these lands in the same manner as the ordinarily assessed lands of the District, in respect to remissions for withered crops and short produce, regarding which instructions will be issued in separate Proceedings, but it must be distinctly understood that the indulgence is granted for this year only.

No. 275.

ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1865, No. 591.

Land Revenue.

Order to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No. 797.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th February 1865.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

M. A. S.
Acting Secretary.

To G. Banbury, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely.

Copy to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Exd. J. Wright.

14th Feb 1865
12th Feb 1865
11th Feb 1865
10th Feb 1865

20th Aug 1865
21st Aug 1865
22nd Aug 1865

14th Feb 1865
15th Feb 1865
16th Feb 1865

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Jan 10th February 1865.

Deposited 20th

No. 797.

RECORDED.

No. 1296.

1865.

Department

Mr. J. D. Sim

Sanctioning the remissions recommended by the Collector on account of the unfavorable season this year.

18th Feb 1865
19th Feb 1865
20th Feb 1865